



THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

REPORT 66
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
CANCELLATION OF HEARINGS

Presented by Hon Peter Katsambanis MLC (Deputy Chair)

September 2016

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Date first appointed:

30 June 2005

Terms of Reference:

The following is an extract from Schedule 1 of the Legislative Council Standing Orders:

‘3. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations

3.1 *An Estimates and Financial Operations Committee* is established.

3.2 The Committee consists of 5 Members, 3 of whom shall be non-government Members.

3.3 The functions of the Committee are to —

(a) consider and report on —

(i) the estimates of expenditure laid before the Council each year;

(ii) any matter relating to the financial administration of the State; and

(iii) any bill or other matter relating to the foregoing functions referred by the Council;

and

(b) consult regularly with the Auditor General.’

Members as at the time of this inquiry:

Hon Ken Travers MLC (Chair to 29 August 2016) Hon Rick Mazza MLC

Hon Peter Katsambanis MLC (Deputy Chair)

Hon Helen Morton MLC Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC

Hon Sally Talbot MLC (from 6 September 2016)

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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

REPORT 66: CANCELLATION OF HEARINGS

- 1.1 The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations advises the House that the following agency annual report hearings scheduled for 19 September 2016 have been cancelled:
- North Metropolitan TAFE (a combination of the former, *West Coast Institute of Training* and *Central Institute of Technology*)
 - Central Regional TAFE (a combination of the former *Durack Institute of Technology*; the *Goldfields Institute of Technology* (Kalgoorlie campus) and the *CY O'Connor Institute* (Northam, Merredin and Moora campuses)).
- 1.2 The five former Institutes listed above were dissolved on 10 April 2016 and a new TAFE structure commenced on 11 April 2016.
- 1.3 The new structure is only five months into transition from Institutes of Training or Technology to TAFEs. Relevantly, staff listed in the five former Institutes' 2015 annual reports have either dispersed to other new TAFEs or left the Department of Training and Workforce Development. It has therefore proven difficult for nominated staff to attend hearings. The Committee therefore resolved not to hold hearings with the former Institutes.
- 1.4 The Committee further notes that by the time the 40th Parliament returns in 2017, the new TAFE structure will have been in existence for just over a year. The Committee is of the view that it may be appropriate for the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations of the 40th Parliament consider conducting hearings after the first year of the new TAFE structure.
- 1.5 The Committee commends its report to the House.



Hon Peter Katsambanis MLC
Deputy Chair

14 September 2016